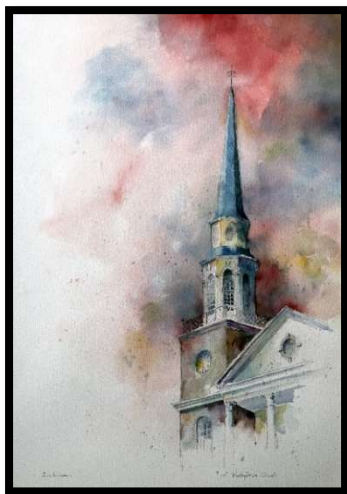




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From the Pastor's Desk

Perhaps it is wishful thinking, but I feel like I have been catching hints of Fall on the air.

As we approach fall weather, comfy sweaters, and hot chocolate and tea, I wanted to look back at things at the summer.

Over the last two years we have completed or started many projects in and around the church. Last year saw plumbing repairs, asbestos abatement, and the replacement of the air conditioner unit for the sanctuary, as well as many smaller projects completed by our facilities staff. Through the spring and summer this year, we have had the parking lot ground down and repaved, the concrete slab from the parking lot replaced, upgrades and fixes to our security and fire alarm systems, replacements and repairs to the HVAC units in the first and second floors of Hudnut Hall (our middle building), and a masonry repair to the exterior of the Helen Chapel. We are also in the process of replacing some downspouts in the courtyard and replacing and updating the exterior doors in the Helen Chapel and Hudnut Hall.

This work has allowed and is allowing us to continue to fulfill our call to service to God through both our ministries and work, as well as the efforts of the many ministries and organizations that call our facilities home.

If the work sounds extensive, it was and is. One of the things we are called to do as a congregation is maintain our buildings and grounds so that they can be used for the glory of God and the building of the Kingdom in the here and now. The work that we have done and that members of this church in the past and now have funded through their generosity ensure that we are ready to answer God's call to community and kingdom building into the future.

As we look to the fall and the upcoming stewardship season, it is worthwhile to remember that our giving doesn't just go the idea of the church, but the real, concrete efforts that allow us and others to live out Christ's commands to love God and neighbor.

Blessings,

Rev. M. Payne Warner

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September 2026

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From the Session

First Presbyterian Church of Youngstown Vision Statement

The First Presbyterian Church, an increasingly diverse faith community,

- *opens its heart and doors to all,*
- *serves everyone with compassion,*
- *fosters spiritual growth through scripture-based worship and study*
- *works for racial and social justice for all; and,*
- *models the principles of Jesus' life and teachings in the world.*

SESSION UPDATE

Clerk's Corner

After taking a summer break, the Session of FPC met on Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the church library. Opening devotions and prayer were offered by Rev. Warner. Special guest, Liam Jones, of Jones Wealth Partners (JWP) joined us to tell us about a new opportunity with them. As discussed with the Finance Committee, Jones Wealth Partners has left their partnership with Merrill Lynch and is now partnered with Rockefeller Global. Their new office is in the "castle" building off Western Reserve Road, near I680. The Finance Committee recommended that we follow JWP to Rockefeller Global to retain our relationship with Liam and their firm. The Session approved this move unanimously. David Pratt, church financial secretary, and Elders Chuck Mansfield and Karen Cooper will be signers on the account.

The Mission Committee presented an external project in which they would like to participate.

UndueMedicalDebt.org is a non-profit that buys medical debt that is in collections and forgives that debt. If this project is taken on by FPC, we could designate that the funds collected target the medical debt in Mahoning County. The Mission Committee will do further research on this project and report back at the next Session meeting.

Updates were given on the multiple BEG projects that have been going on this summer. The AC units outside have been replaced, and metal fencing has been placed around the units outside Helen Chapel. The Session approved the estimate to have additional fencing placed around the other units on Wood Street. The parking lot and concrete pad outside the back door have both been completed as well as the new striping pattern in the parking lot. It will need re-sealed next year, and then every 3-5 years after that. The gutters in the courtyard have been ordered and will be installed soon. There is a leak in the wall in the big kitchen in the sink near the ovens. Unfortunately, there is asbestos around the pipes, so that will need to be taken care of before the plumbing can be repaired. Session approved the motion to have the asbestos removed and the plumbing work done.

Additional discussions included an update on SOBE; an interest in renting space by an outside group; and approving the transfer of membership of Debbie Mager from FPC to Poland Presbyterian Church. Additionally, 2027 budget worksheets were distributed to committee chairs so that they can have requests back to the Finance Committee by October 15, 2026.

The meeting closed at 9:00 pm with prayer by Rev. Warner. The next Session meeting will be Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 7:00 pm in the church library. Both opening and closing devotions and prayers will be given Ruling Elder Chuck Mansfield.

~ Karen Cooper, Clerk

Livestreamed Worship

Livestreamed worship: We are livestreaming our worship services to those who ask to be added to our distribution list. Please contact the church office to be added to the list.

UPCOMING COMMUNION DATES

In order to prepare for the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, the following dates have been approved by the Session:

Sept 6, 2026 Oct 4, 2026
Nov 1, 2026

PER CAPITA 2026

Thank you to everyone who has already paid their Per Capita fee for 2026. This year's fee is \$35.00 per church member (1=\$35, 2=\$70, 3=\$105, etc.). We have a budget of \$4,356 that will be sent to Presbytery, and we need everyone's help to try and achieve that goal. As of 4/30/26, we have received \$820, so we have a long way to go! Please prayerfully consider giving your Per Capita to help us meet our budget. Thank you!

From the Committees

Mission Committee News

We will again be hosting our neighbors from Gutknecht Tower and also from the YWCA for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. The Next Bingo event will be held on Saturday, September 19th from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. in Helen Chapel. If you would like to help, you can do so in several ways: provide snacks, purchase toiletries, puzzle books or treats as prizes, help that day, or monetary donations. See Wilma on Sunday mornings to sign up. Thank you.



Flowers for Worship

We welcome your participation in making the chancel a visual representation of the worship we offer our almighty God each week. If you are interested in helping keep fresh flowers for the chancel, contact Patty Schuley in the church office.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Our post-worship coffee hour is a great time to gather with other members and guests in fellowship. We are looking for new hosts to join the rotation. If interested, please speak to Margie Patterson, or any of the other hosts. You provide the snack (homemade, store bought, donuts, crackers and cheese, whatever your heart desires), the church provides the beverages, the staff will help you prepare, and you just need to step out during the closing hymn to move things from the parlor kitchen.



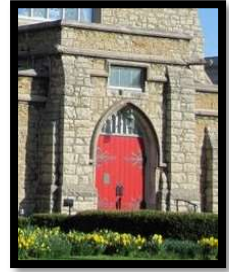
FPW NEWS

Join us for lunch after church on **Sunday, September 27th**. Everyone is welcome. This is not just for the women! We'll meet after coffee hour in the Garden Room and travel to **Café 422** located on South Avenue in Boardman. We'll each pay for lunch on our own.

MISSION COINS REMINDER

We continue to collect coins for the **Red Door Café and Food Pantry at St. John's Episcopal Church**. Your loose change helps provide food to our community neighbors in need. You can help by depositing your coins in the collection plates on Sunday mornings. You may write a check and put in the memo – RDC.

THANK YOU,
The Mission Committee



HARVEST FOOD DRIVE



The Mission Committee, with Session's approval, has decided to collect non-perishable items and monetary donations for Protestant Family Service. The collection will take place from September 1st through October 4th, World Communion Sunday. The former PCUSA's Peace and Global Witness Offering has been replaced by the World Communion Offering. This new offering does not allow for a portion of the money collected to stay with the local community, as the former offering did. Instead, churches may apply for grants from PCUSA. We decided that we would like to use our collection locally. Thank you for your donations.

FPC Book Club

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026 AT 10 A.M.

Our selection for September is a Autobiography/Memoir – *Colors of the Mountain* by Da Chen. A classic story of triumph over adversity. Memories of a childhood in rural China during Mao's Cultural Revolution. Da Chen grows up to be resilient, tough, and funny, learning how to defend himself and how to work toward his future.

We hope you will join us on September 8th in the Parlor of the Church. Please join us even if you haven't finished the book. For more information – call Becky Murray 330-360-7526.

Below are the books we are reading this year

OCTOBER – Historical Fiction – *Canticle* by Janet Rich Edwards. Aleys runs away from home and finds shelter among the beguines, a fiercely independent community of religious women who refuse to answer to the church.

NOVEMBER – Nonfiction – *Everything is Tuberculosis* by John Green. Tells a deeply story illuminating the fight against the world's deadliest infectious disease.



Prayer List

Please keep these members of our congregation, our family and friends, our neighbors, our mission partners, and people around our nation and world in your prayers.

- The residents of the Realty Building & International Tower
- The people of the Ukraine
- The people of Israel and Gaza
- Our Mission Partners including Mahoning Valley Association of Churches, Wick Transition Housing, Community Education & Schools (with Taft School), Ethiopian Children (EECMY), Protestant Family Services, CityScape, Needle's Eye, RAHAB Ministries, and Meals on Wheels, the City of Youngstown, our community, and for one another.
- NuShawn Moore (Jackie Rogenski's daughter)
- Carol Reed
- Patrice Hight (Carol Reed's sister)
- Lila King (Lynn Toman's mother)
- Cheryl (Lynn Toman's sister)
- Ron Strasik (Renae Scharf)
- the Sarver family (Lynn Toman)
- Caleb (Barb Altman's grandson)
- Mary MacGregor Neff (Wilma Miller)
- Jennifer Patterson
- Barb Altman
- Pat and Bob Fitch
- Lynne Pebworth
- Bridget Benson
- Cindy Milicich
- Janis DePasqua
- Marlen Sue Martin
- Frank Harry Martin
- Tim Keenan
- Marion Kohler
- Victor Wan-Tatah
- The Pickett family
- Terry Gregory
- Sandy Benson
- Libby Benson
- William Miller
- Virginia Dineen
- Ronald Musgrove



September Birthdays

9-1	Nina Hudock	9-15	Betsy Sturtz
9-2	Wilma Miller	9-18	Carol Lynn Reed
9-6	Kathy Esseniya	9-19	Jeanne Cotters Joan
9-8	Alyssa Lalanne	9-20	Sandy Bromley
9-10	Daniel Amanor	9-20	Joey Roman
9-10	Margie Patterson	9-21	Beth Burnette
9-11	Janet Einfalt	9-25	Addison Hudock
9-15	Elizabeth Ayana	9-29	Pat Fitch
9-15	June D'Amico	9-30	Halley Jo Toman



SEPTEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		1:30-4 pm – YSU Exercise Class – HC 5:30-7 PM – NAMI Yoga – HC 6 pm Scouts	11-1 pm Citizens Circle – Parlor	1:30-4 pm – YSU Exercise Class – HC 1:30-8 pm – Penguin PT		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
11 am Worship Service Communion Sunday 	OFFICE CLOSED 	10-11 AM – FPC Book Club – Parlor 1:30-4 pm – YSU Exercise Class – HC 1:30-8 pm – Penguin PT 2 pm – Mission Mtg Pastor's Office	8-12 pm – Lunch Time Learning – HC 12:30 pm – BEG Mtg – Pastor's Office 5:15 pm-Bible Study & Potluck	1:30-4 pm – YSU Exercise Class – HC 1:30-8 pm – Penguin PT 5-8 pm – Clinic 6-7:30 pm – T'ai Chi – HC		8-1 pm – Steering Comm-Judge DiSalvo – License Workshop – HC
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
11 am Worship Service		1:30-4 pm – YSU Exercise Class – HC 1:30-8 pm – Penguin PT 6 pm Scouts 7 pm-Session Mtg – Library		1:30-4 pm – YSU Exercise Class – HC 1:30-8 pm-Penguin PT 6-7:30 pm – T'ai Chi – HC 6-7:30 pm – NAMI Bd Mtg-NAMI Office		2-4 pm – Gutknecht Tower & YWCA Bingo – HC
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
11 am Worship Service		1:30-4 pm – YSU Exercise Class – HC 1:30-8 pm – Penguin PT 7 pm-Session Mtg - Library 6 pm Scouts		9 am-3 pm – Staff Retreat-Rev. Robin Woodberry – Community Rm 1:30-4 pm – YSU Exercise Class – HC 1:30-8 pm-Penguin PT 5-8 pm – Clinic 6-7:30 pm – T'ai Chi – HC		12-5 pm – Protestant Family Svcs – Scavenger Hunt – Parlor & Parlor DR
27	28	29	30			
11 am Worship Service		1:30-4 pm – YSU Exercise Class – HC 1:30-8 pm – Penguin PT 6 pm Scouts				